

STATE REQUESTS
PROMPT PAYMENT

Treasurers Asked to Remit License Money This Year When Received.

As the State needs the money, all county and city treasurers have been requested to send in their collections promptly about May 1. This is done because of the fact that the finances are very low, and but little money has been coming in for some time past. Captain S. R. Donohoe, Auditor of Public Accounts, has sent out a letter requesting prompt settlements.

This course was pursued one year ago, when also cash was needed to keep running expenses going.

A good deal of State money comes in on May 1, which is the date when all license taxes for all kinds of business are due. It is to get quick benefit from this that treasurers are asked to remit as soon as these large amounts come into their hands.

A section of the Code provides that "the Auditor of Public Accounts may call upon any county or city treasurer once in every thirty days after the first day of July of each year for a statement, under oath, of the amount of State taxes collected by him, and such treasurer shall, within five days from the receipt of such a call, forward such statement to the Auditor and pay into the Treasury the amount collected." The date of July 1 is mentioned because all treasurers are required, without reference to a call, to make final settlements by June 16.

CANDIDATE FOR HOUSE.

J. C. Massey Will Oppose C. R. Coleman in Spotsylvania.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Spotsylvania, Va., April 27.—J. C. Massey, of the county, has publicly announced his candidacy for the House of Delegates, in opposition to C. R. Coleman, the incumbent. The political situation here points to one of the most spirited battles along political lines which has been had for many years, and as election day approaches the contest will wax warm.

R. C. L. Moncure, for the State Senate; Thomas Stokely Coleman, for Commonwealth's attorney, and T. A. Harris, for county clerk, are the only aspirants who to this time have no opposition.

Sentenced to Roads.

Durham, N. C., April 27.—Leander S. Rochelle, father-in-law of Brodie L. Duke, was convicted in the Recorder's Court of retelling. His sentence was fixed at six months on the roads, from which he appealed to the Superior Court. Rochelle was caught in a wholesale raid made last week, when sixty blind tickets were rounded up in a single night.

PRIMARY IN SPOTSYLVANIA.

Democratic Executive Committee Names August 1 as Date.

Spotsylvania, Va., April 27.—The Democratic Executive Committee of the county today decided to hold a primary for all county and district officials, to be elected in November next, and the first Tuesday in August is the day fixed upon for the primary.

Dr. J. W. Massey, the county chairman of the party, being a candidate for County Treasurer, resigned the chairmanship, and L. M. Smith was elected in his stead.

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WELL-PRESERVED LETTER
WRITTEN BY WASHINGTON

Recent Interesting Find Among Papers of Late Dr. William Rogers, at Collierstown.

Lexington, Va., April 27.—An interesting and well preserved letter, written by George Washington to Sir John Sinclair, of London, England, has recently been found among the papers of the late Dr. William Rogers, of Collierstown, Rockbridge county. The entire letter is in the handwriting of General Washington. The ink retains its lustre, and the paper, a shaded blue, is well kept, and is footsized letter size. The address is on the outside of the fold, no envelope being used. No postage stamp was used, but the coat of arms of General Washington, oval in shape, is stamped on the letter. The address is "Sir John Sinclair, Baronet, Whitehall, London."

Following is a copy of the letter,

written during General Washington's term as President of the United States: Philadelphia, Oct. 20th, 1792.

Sir,—I have received your letter of the 18th of May enclosing the pamphlet and papers which you had the goodness to send me.

While I beg your acceptance of my acknowledgments for the polite mark of attention in transmitting these things to me, I flatter myself you will be assured that I consider the subject therein recommended as highly important to society, whose best interest I hope will be promoted by a proper investigation of them and the happiness of mankind advanced thereby.

I have to regret that the duties of my public station do not allow me to pay that attention to agriculture and the objects attached to it, (which have ever been my favorite pursuit) that I could wish, but I will put your queries respecting sheep into the hands of such

gentlemen as I may think most likely to attend to them and answer them satisfactorily; I must, however, observe that no important information on the subject can be expected from this country, where we have been so little in the habit of attending either to the breed or improvement of stock.

With great respect and esteem, I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your Most Obedt. Servt.,
GEO. WASHINGTON.

Sir John Sinclair.

U. D. C. PROTESTS AGAINST
USE OF ELSON'S HISTORY

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Covington, Va., April 27.—At a recent meeting of the Alleghany Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, resolutions of protest were adopted against the use of Elson's History in the schools and colleges of Virginia. It was also agreed that the members are not to patronize any institution in which such history is used, and that they will seek to dissuade others from doing so.

AMUSEMENTS

Academy—"Polly of the Circus."
Hilton—"The Wolf."
Lubin—Vaudeville.

"Polly of the Circus."

From all accounts a most interesting and a very successful play will be Frederick Thompson's big New York success, "Polly of the Circus," which comes to the Academy to-night.

One of the big features of "Polly of the Circus" are the circus scenes which are shown in the last act. The first shows the "pad" room, a place where the acrobats limber up before entering the ring. The second scene shows the interior of the circus, where for two minutes the "real thing" is presented in order to give Polly a chance to rush into the ring and faint. Horses are galloping around the ring—a regulation circus ring in every particular. The clowns and acrobats and clowns are all working as if their lives depended on their efforts, the trained dogs and animals are all in the picture—and only for two minutes. Mr. Thompson has provided a cast of well known players, assisted by fifteen real circus performers of reputation. Ida St. Leon will be seen in the title character, in which from all accounts she has quite outdone her predecessors in the role.

Stars at Music Festival.

The inaugural concert of the May musical festival series will given on the eighteen anniversary of the Wednesday Club, Monday, May 1. It will be a memorable May Day for musical Richmond.

The club will offer for this year the greatest feast of music ever attempted by a musical organization in the Southland.

The success of the festivals in recent years has been so pronounced and the support of the public, for whom these festivals are given, so loyal and generous that there is now no doubt as to the justification for the enormous and unprecedented expenditure in which the officers and directors have plunged. It is confidently expected that the public will show its appreciation in the form of liberal patronage.

The best available in vocal and instrumental has been secured for the eighteenth annual festival. The Wednesday Club is bringing to Richmond for a series of concerts six of the most famous artists of the Metropolitan Opera Company, of New York, together with the matchless orchestra from the Metropolitan Opera House.

The concert will be conducted by Josef Pasternack, under whose direction all of the great concerts in New York City are given by the Metropolitan Opera Company.

There can be no uncertainty this year as to the excellence of the soloists. Mme. Alma Gluck, besides possessing a beautiful soprano voice, is endowed with a charming personality that captivates her audiences and makes her a general favorite.

She is cast for prominent roles with such singers as Caruso, Bonci and Slezak, and has achieved remarkable success.

WILLIAM HARRIS ESTATE

SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION

Good Prices Secured—Stafford Woman Enters Suit for Absolute Divorce.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Fredericksburg, Va., April 27.—The realty of the William Harris estate was sold here at public auction, and brought fine prices. One-half interest in the wagonyard property on Commerce Street was sold to J. Alfred Harris, of Spotsylvania county, for \$5,325; the lot and storehouse on West Commerce was purchased by Mrs. Lizzie J. Harris, for \$2,175; R. V. Harris bought a small dwelling on Douglas Street, for \$1,060; another small dwelling and three small building lots went to C. T. Purks, for \$2,100; lot and dwelling on West Amelia Street, to J. H. Butler, for \$755; vacant lot on Douglas Street, to William Ware, \$405; four vacant lots to J. P. H. Crismond, at \$1,325.

Captain Robert S. Knox and sister have sold to J. Fred Brown their large vacant lot on the corner of Prince Edward and Fauquier Streets, in this city, on private terms.

Francis W. Smith, of King and Queen county, has entered the race for Democratic nomination for the House of Delegates for the district composed of King and Queen and Essex counties.

Suit has been instituted in the Circuit Court of Stafford county, by Mrs.

Lydia S. Jett against her husband, Robert Jett, for absolute divorce, on the grounds of desertion and abandonment; an injunction was entered enjoining Jett from disposing of his land in Stafford county, and forbidding him from interfering with his wife or her custody of the three children.

Bishop E. R. Hendrix, of Kansas City, Mo., a leading bishop of the Southern Methodist Church, was a visitor here yesterday, the guest of P. V. D. Conway.

A new rural free delivery mail route will be established in Orange county June 1, to be known as route No. 3. It will cover a distance of twenty miles, going from Orange Courthouse, through the Nason and Pamunkey sections.

Mrs. J. Garnett Kling gave a progressive euchre party on Wednesday afternoon at her home on Prince Edward Street, in honor of Miss Alverta Egerton, of Petersburg, who is visiting relatives and friends here. There were five tables, and twenty young women present as guests. The prizes were very attractive, and delicious refreshments were served.

Would Become National Bank.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Washington, D. C., April 27.—The Comptroller of the Currency has received an application to convert the Union Bank of Winchester into "The National Union Bank of Winchester," capital stock \$100,000.

Verdict Against S. A. L.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Raleigh, N. C., April 27.—A verdict for \$2,500 has been awarded to W. P. Wyatt, in his suit against the Seaboard Air Line for \$5,000, through the burning of the old Wyatt tannery, near Raleigh. The case has been pending for the past two days. The recovery was on the ground that the fire started from sparks thrown from a Seaboard locomotive.

CELEBRATION AT LOWESVILLE.

Odd-Fellows, on Anniversary, Give an All-Day Picnic.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Amherst, Va., April 27.—Yesterday the Lowesville Lodge of Odd-Fellows gave an all-day picnic in celebration of the ninety-third anniversary of the organization of the lodge. Senator Aubrey E. Strode and other speakers were present and made appropriate addresses. Both the Amherst Lodge and the Massie's Mills Lodge were invited to attend, and a large crowd was present from the surrounding country. There were also visitors from Lynchburg. At noon a dinner was served on the grounds.

FAIR CLUB ORGANIZED.

Colored Citizens Plan to Hold Exhibition in Amherst.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Amherst, Va., April 27.—Some of the colored citizens of this county have organized a Fair Club, for the purpose of creating among the members of their race a greater interest in farming and stock-raising. At a recent meeting of the stockholders it was decided to hold the first annual exhibition of the club, on the Amherst Fair Grounds, October 25 and 26, 1911, at which time, agricultural products and stock raised by the colored people of the county will be exhibited. This is the first colored fair ever attempted in Amherst.

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